

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes
July 27, 2011
Indiana Government Conference Center
Conference Room A
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Board members present: Robert E. Carter, Jr., Chairman; William Selm, Mitch Zoll, Daniel Kloc, and Kent Schuette.

Staff members present: DHPA Director Dr. James Glass, Frank Hurdiss, John Carr, Cathy Draeger-Williams, Holly Tate, Amy Walker, Chad Slider, David Duvall, Miriam Burkett, Wade Tharp, and Susan Judy, of DHPA; Eric Wyndham, DNR Staff Attorney;

Visitors/Speakers present included Patrick Carpenter, Mary Kennedy; Staffan Peterson; Bill Read; Jane Twaddle of INDOT; J. P. Hall; Mark Dollase; Jim Wood; Jeff Hubby; Rebecca Smith; Marianne Doyle; Ralph Stacy; Link Ludington; Michelle Greenan; Laura Minzes; Ben Ross; Ben Clark; James Davis; Connie Ziegler; Gregg Harris; Sharon Butsch-Treeland; Chris Carlson

Call to Order

Chairman Robert E. Carter Jr. convened the meeting at 1:32 P. M.

Approval of the April, 2011 meeting minutes

Chairman Carter asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the last meeting. There were no changes and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Kent Schuette and seconded by Daniel Kloc. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Carter requested the Division Director's report.

I. Division Director's Report:

Statewide Cultural Resources Management Plan

As mentioned in April, this year, 2011, our division is mounting a major effort to ask for public input on what the priorities and strategies for historic preservation and archaeology efforts should be for the next 6 years, 2012-18. This input will be used to shape our new statewide cultural resources management plan, a requirement of the National Historic Preservation Act and a guide for our division and our many partners throughout the state in focusing our activities.

Everyone has a card (audience too) about our on-line survey. Please visit the website noted and complete the survey. Take extra cards today and ask your friends and colleagues to complete the survey. Also, are there organizations and clubs, or groups related to historic preservation, archaeology, culture, heritage or the arts that you are part of? Please ask the membership to complete the survey. We're trying to get as wide a response from the public as possible by

September 30 so that our plan reflects the priorities of a broad cross-section of Indiana residents interested in above-ground and below-ground heritage.

Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission

The Courthouse Commission and its consultant, Ratio Architects have completed a final draft of their report on the state of Indiana's historic courthouses. Ratio is about to complete the final lay out of the report for submission to the General Assembly in late August. The Commission conducted the first comprehensive surveys of the historic features, condition, and needs of historic courthouses. Forty-nine boards of county commissioners and county judges from every county completed surveys on their courthouses, and Indiana Landmarks staff completed survey forms on all the historic courthouses. The report presents the findings from the survey and will make recommendations for the General Assembly on ways to preserve the courthouses into the future. We will be circulating copies and publicizing the findings and recommendations, including at the October 26 meeting of the Review Board, when the report is submitted.

Hoosier Heritage Day

Our third annual Hoosier Heritage Day, co-sponsored by our division and 14 other statewide history and heritage-related agencies and organizations, will be held on Thursday, August 11 at the Indiana State Fair. We will have hands-on exhibits on history, historic preservation, and archaeology at our booth and the other organizations will have a range of activities involving discovery of Indiana history for all ages.

Archaeology Month

We are celebrating Archaeology Month in September, and our archaeology staff has developed and is coordinating a ranging of educational events for the public to attend statewide. We also have a most attractive design for our Archaeology Month posters and T-shirts, which will be available for Board members and the public when they are ready.

New Leadership for Environmental Review

I'd like to introduce two people who are taking leadership roles in our Environmental Review operation over the next year. Amanda Ricketts has been serving as our Assistant Director for Environmental Review Operations since late June and comes to us with many years' experience as a state manager. Amanda will be overseeing the operational side of environmental reviews and managing our projects funded by FHWA and INDOT to enter data in our SHAARD cultural resource data base and make enhancements to it. She will also be studying our operation for ways to make it more efficient as we adjust to potential changes in the numbers of reviews over the next year. Amanda is working closely with Chad Slider, who has served as a historic structures reviewer for the past four years and will be providing overall professional guidance for our Section 106 reviews and certificate of approval application reviews. Glass thanks them both.

II. National Register Applications

1. Polk Street Concrete Cottage Historic District, 604-614 Polk Street, Gary, Lake County (2192)
Frank Hurdis, DHPA, gave the staff comments.
There were no additional questions or comments.
A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by Kent Schuette.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Broad Ripple Firehouse, Indianapolis Fire Department Station 32, 6330 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, Marion County (2201)
Frank Hurdis, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There were no additional questions or comments.
A motion to approve was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously.
 3. Maplelawn Farm, 9575 Whitestown Road, Zionsville, Boone County (2203)
Holly Tate, DHPA, gave the staff comments. There was a question by William Selm about the overuse of the word “clapboard” in the nomination and asked the staff to look into it.
A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.
 4. Glenn A. Black House, 8215 Pollack Avenue, Evansville, Vanderburgh County (2208)
Frank Hurdis, DHPA, gave the staff comments. Link Ludington, Architectural Historian for the Indiana State Museums and Historic Sites introduced Michelle Greenan also of Indiana State Museum. Ms. Greenan defended the national level of significance noted in the application for Glenn Black.
A motion to approve was made by William Selm and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.
 5. Central Batesville Historic District, roughly bounded by Catherine Street to the south, Vine Street to the west, Boehringer Street to the north, and Eastern Avenue to the east, Batesville, Ripley County (2232)
Holly Tate, DHPA, gave the staff comments.
William Selm asked about the ornamental sheet work, he wondered if there was a connection with an Oldenburg metal maker; Ben Ross of Ration Architects said the manufacturer Mesker Products from Evansville or unmarked. Also, are the other buildings contributing or not contributing in the area; Ross answered most are not contributing with the exception of the building directly behind the Sherman House.
A motion to approve was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by William Selm. The motion passed unanimously.
 6. Morehous Residential Historic District, roughly bounded by East Indiana Avenue, East Hubbard Avenue, and the west side of Frances Avenue, Elkhart, Elkhart County (2240)
Holly Tate, DHPA, stated a special meeting is being held on August 16th and that no action needs to be taken until August 16th.
- III. Approval of revised Minimum Architectural Documentation Standards (revised from April 2011)
Frank Hurdis, DHPA, gave the staff comments.
Kent Schuette asked if the DHPA documentation file for the resources will be complete under the new standard and Hurdis responded that it would.
There were no additional questions or comments.
A motion to approve was made by Daniel Kloc and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. State Certificates of Approval

1. Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval to remove a concrete foundation and cistern associated with the CCC group camp at Versailles State Park, Ripley County.

Cathy Draeger-Williams, DHPA, gave the staff comments.

There were no additional questions or comments.

A motion to approve was made by Dan Kloc and was seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Application by Division of State Parks & Reservoirs to demolish a barracks cabin (Ranger Cabin) at the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Laughery (AKA Group Camp) located in Versailles State Park

David Duvall, DHPA, gave the staff comments. Duvall recommended approval based on the economic hardship that rehabilitation would impose on management of the park. Duvall recommended that approval be conditioned on salvaging the character-defining features. Kent Schuette asked several questions about the possibility of privatizing the cabin and who the primary users of the facility were. He also asked if the cabin could be rehabilitated by private parties at no cost to the state.

James Davis, DNR Indiana State Parks Facilities Management, addressed Schuette's questions. He stated that State Parks and Reservoirs has a back-log of rehabilitation projects at Versailles State Park. He indicated that the whole camp only brings in \$1450 in revenue and that in the past the camp was used for 4H, youth groups, and church groups but the cabin in question has been too deteriorated to use for anything. He also stated that it is not feasible to try to bring outside people in to rehab the cabin.

William Selm asked if the building was used for storage only, not for human use. Davis answered that it was used only for maintenance; its condition didn't allow for human use. Selm asked why maintenance had been deferred, and Davis responded he couldn't speak to the long period before he joined State Parks. Selm asked if the rest of the cabins might also suffer deterioration due to lack of maintenance, and Davis responded that State Parks hoped not but they have a large back-log of deferred maintenance projects throughout the state park system. He stated that \$140,000 would be needed to rehabilitate this particular cabin. Davis also said that the park faced an immediate safety issue; Tom Hohman, Director of the DNR Division of Engineering, believes that the cabin needs to be fenced in immediately as an attractive nuisance; the sill plate and some of the floor are structurally unsound and unsafe.

Dan Kloc asked if structural analysis had been done for the other buildings on the site.

Davis responded that other cabins have had routine, regular maintenance and are in better condition with no safety issues.

A motion to approve the certificate was made by Mitch Zoll and was seconded by Daniel Kloc.

The motion passed with a 3-2 show of hands. Aye—Carter, Kloc, and Zoll. Nay—Schuette, Selm.

3. Application by the Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval to demolish and remove the Old SR 1 Bridge over the Whitewater River, 0.5 mile south of the Town of Cedar Grove, Franklin County.

John Carr, DHPA, gave the staff comments and noted that the bridge had safety issues; pieces have fallen into the river below it, where boating occurs. The bridge was by-passed some time ago and has become an attractive nuisance. Kent Schuette asked if a six month delay would make a difference from the perspective of INDOT, the owner. William Selm asked about whether there had been public notification of the application. Carr answered that because it is not a Federal project, no notification of the public prior to submission of staff comments was required.

Rob Carter asked about the urgency of demolishing the bridge, due to the safety aspect.

Mary Kennedy, INDOT, asked the Board to postpone the C of A for six months to investigate preservation of the bridge, until the January, 2012 meeting of the Review Board. She explained that members of the public want a six month postponement to exhaust all options before any demolition. She noted that INDOT believes that safety issues are a concern, but does not oppose waiting for an additional six months.

William Selm asked if some of the organizations that submitted emails to the Board at today's meeting, expressing concern for the bridge, had been part of discussions about the bridge. John Carr indicated that to date, there had been discussions only at a staff level, between INDOT and the DHPA.

Rob Carter expressed concern over pieces of the bridge that are dangling falling into the river. Bill Read, District Manager, INDOT, discussed possible ways to keep dislodged pieces from falling.

Dan Kloc asked about the condition of the bridge piers, and Read replied that the piers and abutments are not going to fail now. The bridge is not stable enough to place repair equipment out on it.

J. P. Hall, Eastern Regional Director for Indiana Landmarks, stated that he had met with INDOT at the site. He felt that six months would offer all parties a chance to do due diligence.

Kent Schuette moved to table the application for six months, William Selm seconded the motion. The motion was tabled until January, 2012.

4. Request by the Indiana Department of Transportation for the revocation of the certificate of approval granted on October 27, 2010 to demolish the house at 1148 Main Street in the Town of Brookville, Franklin County.

John Carr, DHPA, gave the staff comments.

Mitch Zoll made a motion to revoke the C of A, Dan Kloc seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Application by the Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval to demolish the house and garage at 1148 Main Street in the Town of Brookville, Franklin County.

John Carr, DHPA, gave the staff comments.

Kent Schuette asked if the retaining wall will be eliminated and there would be site improvements to address an unsafe sidewalk. Carr responded that the wall will not be eliminated as part of the C of A application, and minimal site work will be done after the house is demolished. Schuette recommended that the unsafe aspect be fixed.

William Selm asked has the house been put up for sale to which Bill Read, INDOT, responded that they have not put the house up for sale for several reasons. Among them, INDOT can't sell the property with the house on it.

A motion (with conditions as presented in the staff comment) to approve was made by Kent Schuette and was seconded by Dan Kloc.
The motion passed unanimously.

V. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Listed

INDIANA, LAKE COUNTY,

Maack, Albert, House, 498 Court St., Crown Point, 11000383, LISTED, 6/23/11

INDIANA, MARION COUNTY,

Gramse, The, 2203 Broadway St., Indianapolis, 11000384, LISTED, 6/23/11

INDIANA, MARION COUNTY,

Indianapolis White Castle Number 3, 660 Fort Wayne Ave., Indianapolis, 11000385, LISTED, 6/23/11

INDIANA, PORTER COUNTY,

Bloch, Conrad and Catherine, House, 608 Academy St., Valparaiso, 11000386, LISTED, 6/23/11

INDIANA, PUTNAM COUNTY,

Eastern Enlargement Historic District, Roughly bounded by E. Franklin, Wood, Anderson & College Sts., Greencastle, 11000387, LISTED, 6/23/11

INDIANA, PUTNAM COUNTY,

Old Greencastle Historic District, Roughly bounded by W. Liberty, Market, W. Poplar & W. Gillespie Sts., Greencastle, 11000389, LISTED, 6/23/11

INDIANA, WABASH COUNTY,

East Wabash Historic District, Roughly bounded by Walnut, E. Market, N. Wabash & S. East Sts., Wabash, 11000390, LISTED, 6/23/11

Rejected

None.

Removed (Note: with the exception of the Fussell Farm, these properties were demolished over the last 5-10 years)

INDIANA, MADISON COUNTY,

Fussell, Solomon, Farm, IN 38 E of jct. with Co. Rd. 150W,

Pendleton vicinity, 92000675, REMOVED, 6/08/11

INDIANA, MARION COUNTY,

Harriett, 124-128 N. East St., Indianapolis, 83000057, REMOVED, 6/08/11 (Apartments and Flats of Downtown Indianapolis TR)

INDIANA, VANDERBURGH COUNTY,

Old Hose House No. 4, 623 Ingle St., Evansville, 82001856,

REMOVED, 6/08/11 (Downtown Evansville MRA)

INDIANA, VANDERBURGH COUNTY,

Wabash Valley Motor Company, 206-208 SE 8th St.,

Evansville, 82000126, REMOVED, 6/08/11 (Downtown Evansville MRA)

VIII. Set date for the next meeting

A special meeting of the Review Board is set for August 16, 2011, Conference Room 1 at 10:00 AM.

Next regular meeting date: **October 26, 2011**, IGCS, **1:30** p.m. (EDT)

All regular meetings schedule for IGCS, Conference Room A, at 1:30 pm (EDT)

Deadline for receipt of Certificates of Approval applications: September 16, 2011, 4:45 p.m. (EDT).

Chairman Carter asked for a motion to adjourn.
The motion was made by Daniel Kloc and seconded by Kent Schuette.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned 3:02 p.m. (EDT)